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SUBJ: RHODESIA: LORD CARVER'S VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. AS A DEMONSTRATION THAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS ARE ALIVE AND WELL, MACHEL'S INVITATION TO CARVER TO MEET IN MAPUTO IS A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED BY THE LENGTH OF TIME BEING PROPOSED BY THE MOZAMBICANS FOR THE MEETING AND THEIR APPARENT INTENTION TO EXPLORE IN DEPTH IF NOT NEGOTIATE WITH CARVER TERMS FOR A SETTLEMENT, ESPECIALLY TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. A MEETING LASTING THREE DAYS COULD BE INTERPRETED BY SMITH AND THOSE NATIONALISTS WITH WHOM HE IS NEGOTIATING AS AN INDICATION THAT THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS ARE IN FACT NEGOTIATING RHODESIA'S FUTURE WITH THE FRONTLINE. SMITH COULD BE EXPECTED TO USE THIS INTERPRETATION TO PRESSURE MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE INTO MAKING CONCESSIONS WHICH THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE RESIST. FOR THEIR PART, DEEP SEATED  
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SUSPICIONS OF THE FRONTLINE'S INTENTIONS, HEIGHTENED BY THE CARVER-MACHEL MEETINGS, COULD TEND MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE TO SUCCUMB TO SMITH'S ARGUMENTS. WE ALSO HAVE QUALMS ABOUT DISCUSSING IN DETAIL TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH MACHEL BEFORE WE HAVE DONE SO WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, WHICH CONSIDERS SUCH ARRANGEMENTS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE AND ITS SPECIAL PEROGATIVE.

2. WE BELIEVE THE RISKS OF CARVER-MACHEL MEETINGS PUSHING  
SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA INTO SMITH'S EMBRACE COULD BE MINIMIZED  
BY REDUCING CARVER'S VISIT TO MAPUTO TO ONE DAY AND BY  
CAREFULLY BILLING HIS MEETINGS AS INFORMATIONAL RATHER  
THAN CONSULTATION. DISCUSSION OF TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS  
SHOULD BE KEPT AS GENERAL AS POSSIBLE. LOW

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